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PREFACE

This is the first in the 1964 series of aerial photographic evaluations of specific information [redacted]

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[redacted] Except for a few lengthy [redacted] the specific statement in the document being evaluated is presented exactly as received with the photographic evaluations printed immediately below. [redacted] information which cannot be evaluated by photographic analysis is omitted.

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For each province there is a locator map showing the areas evaluated. The maps are annotated with principal cities and item numbers. Provinces are listed from west to east.

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1. PINAR DEL RIO PROVINCE, NEAR EL MORRILLO, POWER PLANT SITE

There is a trench running on two sides of the building. Aerial photography dated [] reveals no apparent change in the facilities of the installation. There were no vehicles in the vicinity of the building and it cannot be determined if it is now in use.

DATE OF INFO: []

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 3584-IV, 1st ed, Apr 62.

2. PINAR DEL RIO PROVINCE, NEAR EL MORRILLO, COMMUNICATIONS SITE

DATE OF INFO: []

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] confirms the location and description of a building reported [] to house a power plant.

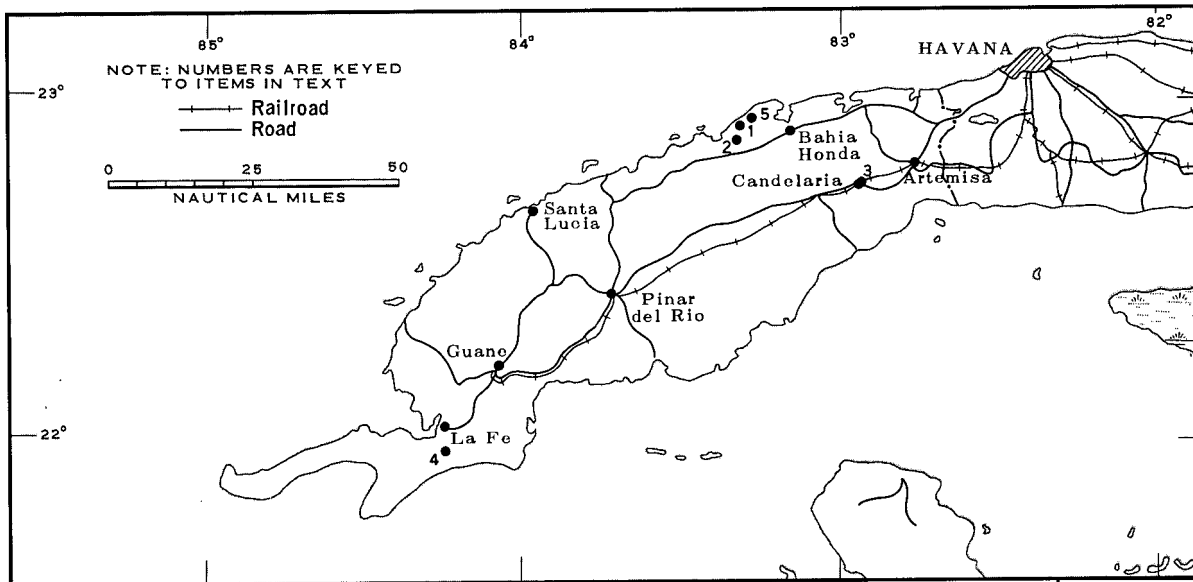


FIGURE 1. LOCATOR MAP FOR PINAR DEL RIO PROVINCE.

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MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 3684-III, 1st ed,
Jan 61.

4. PINAR DEL RIO PROVINCE, NEAR RE-
MATES DE GUANE, CONSTRUCTION OF AIR-
STRIP

DATE OF INFO:

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated []
[] reveals a fence around the area of
the alleged communications site. However, there
is no evidence of any kind of installation within
the enclosure.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 3584-IV, 1st ed,
April 62.

3. PINAR DEL RIO PROVINCE, NEAR CAN-
DELARIA, NEW CUBAN ARMY CAMP

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] reveals
no evidence of airstrip construction along any of
the roads leading from Remates de Guane.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 3381-I, 1st ed,
Jan 61.

5. PINAR DEL RIO PROVINCE, NEAR BAHIA
HONDA, SOVIET MILITARY CAMP

DATE OF INFO:

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] reveals
no military camp in the hills north of the en-
trance to Candelaria.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] confirms the existence of military activity in the area of La Altura. However, this is a known military camp and missile site (Bahia Honda Sam Site), which was active at the time of report but is now abandoned.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 3584-IV, 1st ed, Apr 62.

6. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR SANTA FE, ISLE OF PINES, TANKS AND ARMORED VEHICLES

DATE OF INFO: []

six tanks/SP guns, three on each of the two driving ranges.

MAP REFERENCES:

AMS Series E723, Sheets 3681-III and 3681-IV, 1st ed, Apr 62.

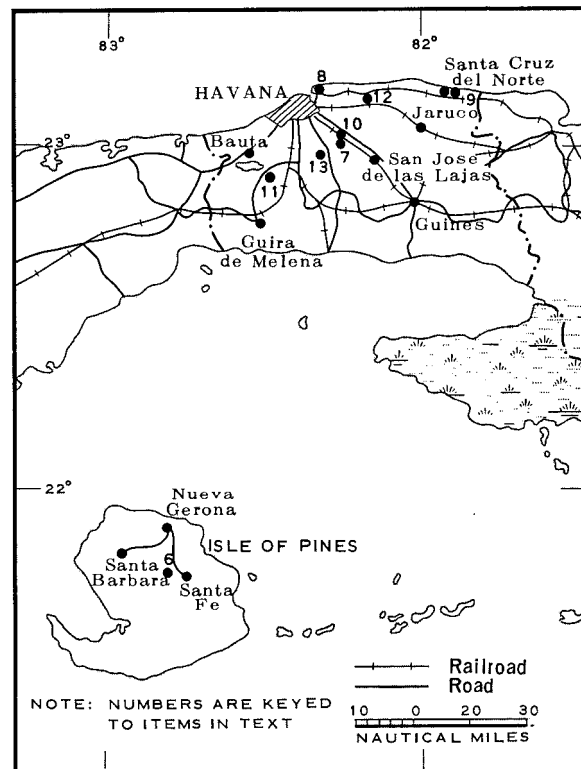


FIGURE 2. LOCATOR MAP FOR HAVANA PROVINCE.

7. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR HAVANA CITY, TANKS WITH TWIN CANNON

DATE OF INFO: []

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] reveals tanks/SP guns at the following locations on the Isle of Pines: at 21-37N 082-57W, just NW of Siguanea SAM Site are three SP guns and four tanks/SP guns; at Santa Fe Military Area, 21-44N 082-47W are three tanks/SP guns; and at Santa Fe Tank Training Area, 21-41N 082-43W are

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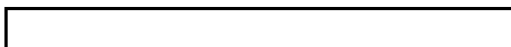
PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [redacted] revealed 81 tanks or SP guns apparently heading north on the Via Monumental in the immediate vicinity of Loma de Tierra Military Camp. In addition, 38 tanks or SP guns of the same type were parked alongside the Via Monumental. Due to the resolution of the photography, it is not possible to tell how many cannon are mounted on the tanks.

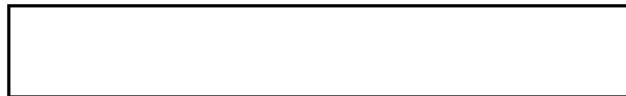
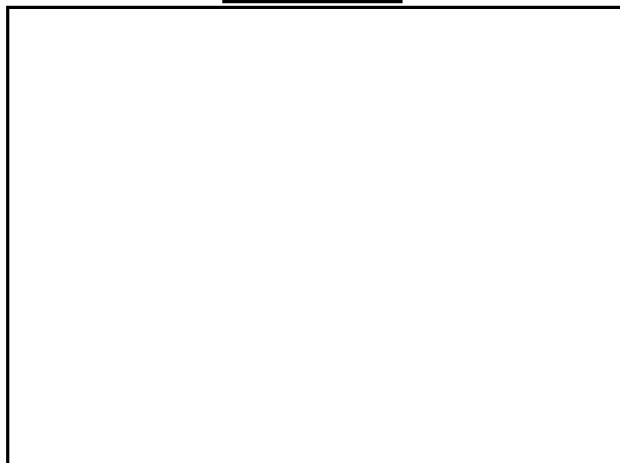
MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 3785-II, 3d ed, Sep 60.

8. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR HAVANA CITY, RADAR INSTALLATIONS



DATE OF INFO: [redacted]



PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

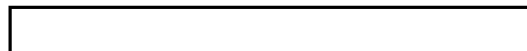
Aerial photography dated [redacted] reveals a radar site [redacted]

The existing radars [redacted] are KNIFE REST and the new radar installations are FLAT FACE. One probable FLAT FACE radar is evident on the photography. While the KNIFE REST radars cannot be identified on available aerial photography, ground photography taken of the site during [redacted]

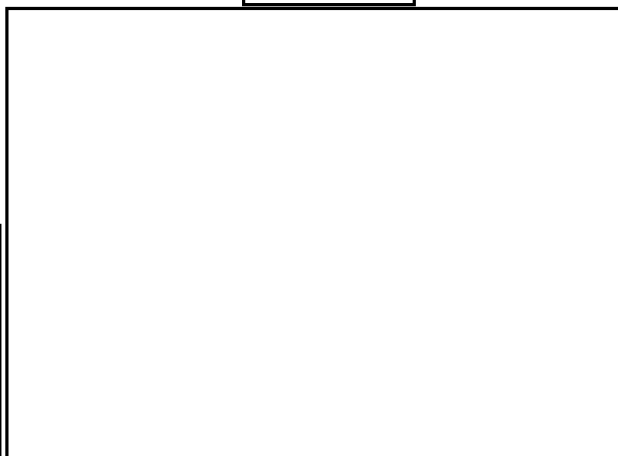
MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 3785-III, 4th ed, Nov 62.

9. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR SANTA CRUZ DEL NORTE, ANTIAIRCRAFT SITE



DATE OF INFO: [redacted]



PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [redacted] reveals a three-gun AAA emplacement at the location [redacted]

There is also a tent on top of the hill, indicating that the site is prob-

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ably manned continuously. On the southwest side of the hill, there appears to be a tunnel entrance. This is possibly the entrance to a cave which may be used for ammunition storage for the AAA guns.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 3885-III, 3d ed, Dec 62.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 3785-II, 3d ed, Sep 60.

11. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS, MILITARY ACTIVITY

DATE OF INFO:

10. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR CUATRO CAMINOS, MILITARY ENCAMPMENT

DATE OF INFO:

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] reveals a camp, north of San Antonio de los Banos at UTM coordinates 467333, containing a line of 25 trucks. Nine of these trucks appear to be troop or cargo carriers covered with tarpaulins; the remaining 16 trucks appear to be slightly longer.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] revealed no evidence of a military encampment 11 or 12 kilometers from Cuatro Caminos along the Via Monumental. [] probably referring to a known military camp, Loma de Tierra Military Camp, located 2 to 3 kilometers from Cuatro Caminos along the Via Monumental. Facilities at the camp include one small shed-type building and four large non-Soviet tents. One hundred and five cargo trucks were observed in the area. Nineteen non-Soviet tents, two medium non-Soviet tents, and two small tents are located approximately one nm north of the camp in fields on either side of the Via Monumental at UTM coordinates 742480. No radar trucks were observed under the trees.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 3784-IV, 4th ed, Nov 62.

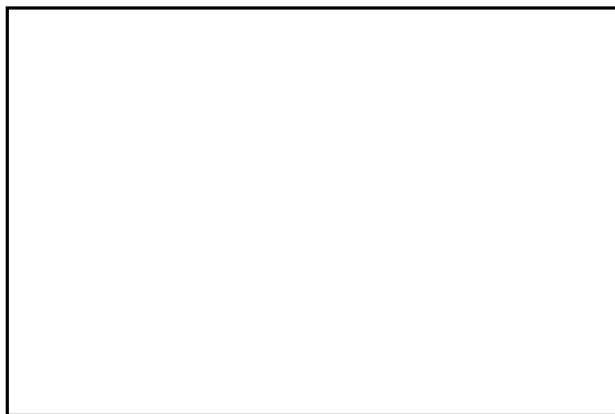
12. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR BAJURA-YABO, ARTILLERY UNIT

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PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

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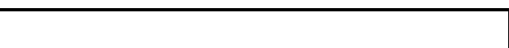
Aerial photography of [redacted] confirms the existence of an artillery unit at UTM coordinates 797588 and four barracks-type buildings at UTM coordinates 792585, but this is a known military area (Bajurayabo Area, Military Camp). The site contains seven barracks-type buildings, 18 vehicles, 18 FA pieces and four AAA pieces. Two five-pointed stars observed on ground.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 3785-II, 3d ed, Sep 60.

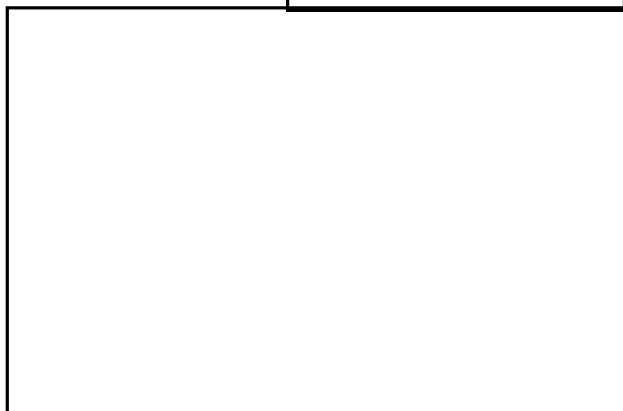
13. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR MANAGUA, ARSENAL

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DATE OF INFO: [redacted]

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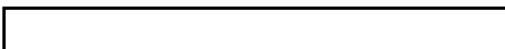
PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [redacted] confirms the existence of Managua, Munitions Storage Site located at UTM coordinates 656404. This site contains three drive-through bunkers and the entire area is fenced. Buttressed wall could not be located.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 3784-IV, 4th ed, Nov 62.

14. MATANZAS PROVINCE, NEAR MATANZAS POWER PLANT, DEFENSE OF AREA



DATE OF INFO: [redacted]

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PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] revealed no military activity or construction of any type on Point Hicacos.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 3985-I, 1st ed, Aug 60.

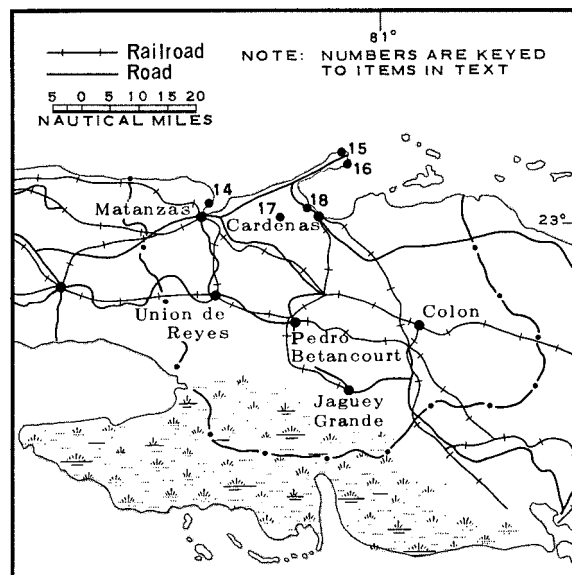


FIGURE 3. LOCATOR MAP FOR MATANZAS PROVINCE.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] confirms the existence of two tank revetments with tanks located on the west side of the highway from Matanzas to Punta Sabanilla at UTM coordinates 459518. An occupied AAA site is located on the east side of the highway at UTM coordinates 459518 and an occupied five-gun FA site is also located on the east side of the highway at UTM coordinates 457516.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 3885-II, 3d ed, Nov 62.

15. MATANZAS PROVINCE, POINT HICACOS, MILITARY BASE

DATE OF INFO: []

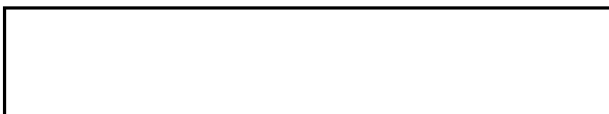
16. MATANZAS PROVINCE, CAYO BUBA, CONSTRUCTION OF LANDING STRIP

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PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

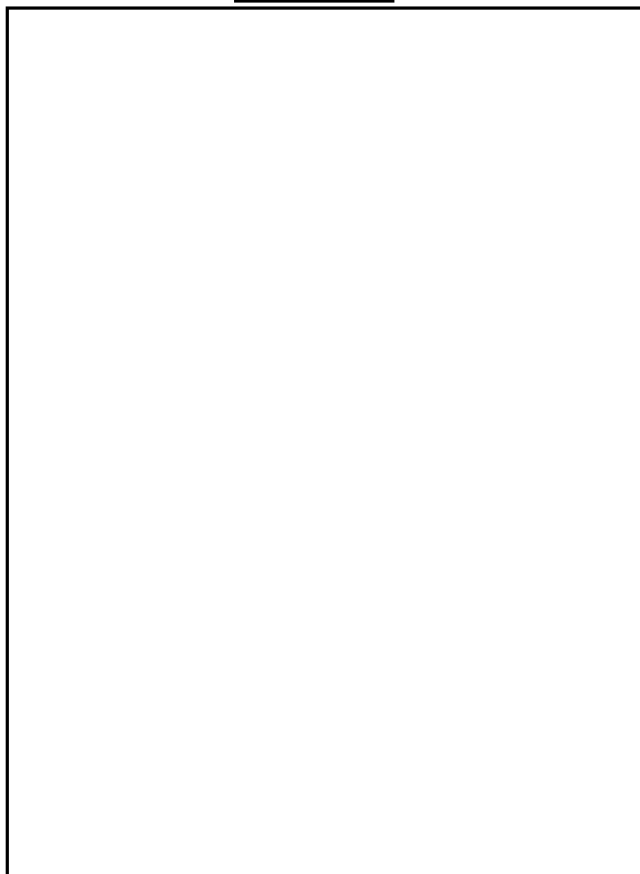
Aerial photography of [redacted] reveals no evidence of a landing strip under construction at Cayo Buba at UTM coordinates 879632.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 3985-I, 1st ed, Mar 62.

17. MATANZAS PROVINCE, NEAR CANTEL, MILITARY CAMP

DATE OF INFO: [redacted]



PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [redacted] confirms the existence of a military camp at UTM coordinates 670485. However, this is a known camp (Cantel Military Camp). Tanks have been observed at this site but the camp contains vehicle sheds and only two tanks were observed on this date.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 3985-III, 1st ed, Jan 61.

18. MATANZAS PROVINCE, NEAR CARDENAS, MILITARY CAMP

DATE OF INFO: [redacted]

SOURCE STATEMENT:

"A new military camp (Approx Coord: 17Q MR 740500, Sheet 3985-III, Series E723) is located at kilometer #6 on the Cardenas-Varadero Road, Matanzas Province. Armored tanks, which are partially buried and camouflaged, are located at this camp..."

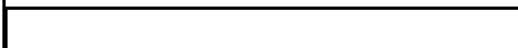
PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [redacted] reveals no evidence of a military camp located at UTM coordinates 740500.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 3985-III, 1st ed, Jan 61.

19. LAS VILLAS PROVINCE, NEAR CAYO ALCATRAZ, SOVIET SUBMARINE SUPPLY BASE AND NAVY SCHOOL



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PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [REDACTED] reveals a small pier on Cayo Alcatraz with a lighter or barge tied up alongside. There are approximately 10 buildings of varying sizes on the island. Whether the island is used as a submarine supply base and/or navy school cannot be determined from this photography.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 4182-III, 2d ed, Jan 61.

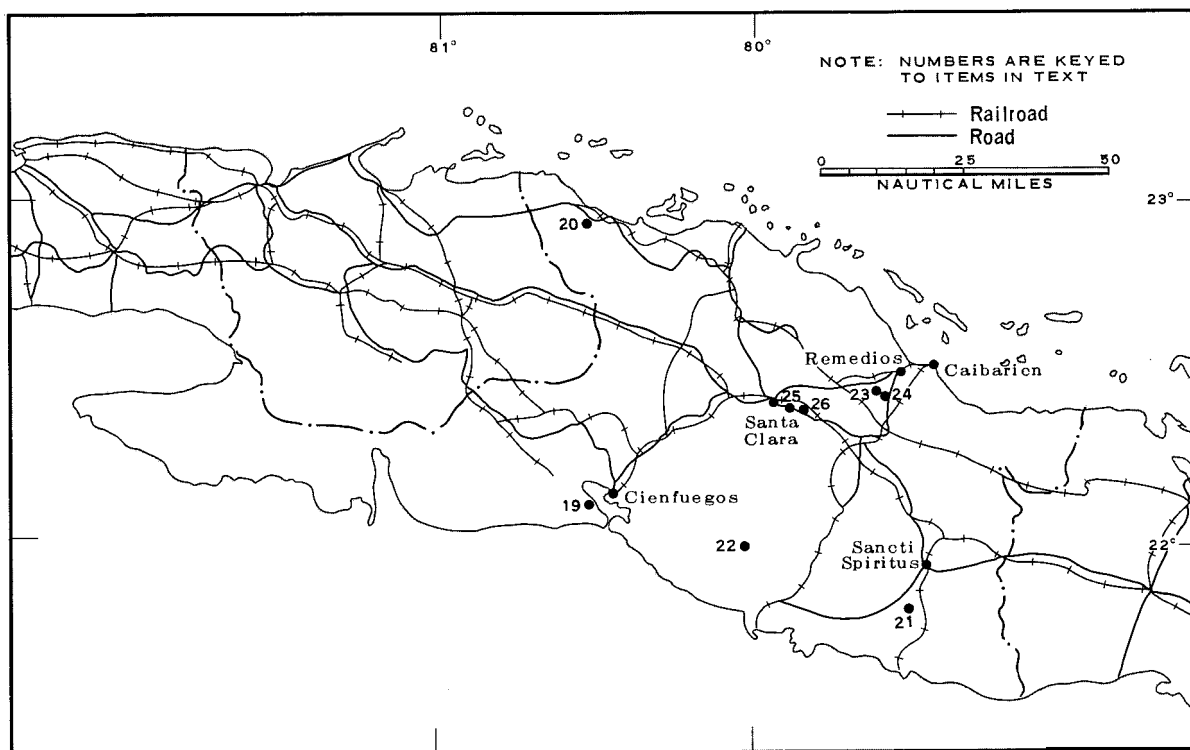


FIGURE 4. LOCATOR MAP FOR LAS VILLAS PROVINCE.

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20. LAS VILLAS PROVINCE, NEAR RANCHO VELOZ, MILITARY ACTIVITY

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merous trenches in the area.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 4184-IV, 1st ed, Aug 60.

21. LAS VILLAS PROVINCE, NEAR PAREDES, SOVIET MILITARY INSTALLATION

DATE OF INFO:

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] reveals no evidence of a military encampment located on the farm El Atico. There are several buildings in the area, but no apparent military activity is associated with them. [] Sancti Spiritus SAM Site, located approximately 2 nm SW of Paredes, which was active at the time of the photography but is now abandoned.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 4381-III, 1st ed, Aug 60.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] reveals no evidence of military activity at UTM coordinates 521378 but there is a military encampment [] 1.3 nm SE at UTM coordinates 540369. It is in a secured area and contains several buildings, with nu-

22. LAS VILLAS PROVINCE, NEAR LA MOZA, RUSSIAN MILITARY INSTALLATION

DATE OF INFO:

SOURCE DOCUMENT:

"A Russian military installation is located

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in or near La Moza Town (Coord: PQ 007516, Sheet 4182-I, Series E723, Cuba, 1:50,000), at Las Dos Piedras Hills, Las Villas Province..."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] reveals no evidence of a military installation located in or near La Moza.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 4182-I, 1st ed, Sep 60.

23. LAS VILLAS PROVINCE, NEAR VINAS, LARGE SOVIET MILITARY INSTALLATION

DATE OF INFO: []

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography [] reveals no evidence of a military installation located between Vinas and Bartolome. However, Remedios Military Camp is located at UTM coordinates 468838, approximately 2 nm northwest of the location cited by the source.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 4283-I, 2d ed, Feb 62.

24. LAS VILLAS PROVINCE, NEAR BARTOLOME, CUBAN MILITARY INSTALLATION

DATE OF INFO: []

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] reveals no evidence of a military camp at UTM coordinates 487821. However Remedios Military Camp, a known installation, is located at UTM

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coordinates 467839 and contains 12 barracks, 36 tents, 6 POL trucks, 120 cargo trucks and 9 utility trucks.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 4283-II, 2d ed, Feb 62.

25. LAS VILLAS PROVINCE, NEAR SANTA CLARA, CUBAN MILITARY INSTALLATION

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PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] confirms the existence of a known military installation at UTM coordinates 152775. It is Santa Clara Military Installation Cubanacan and contains 19 cargo trucks, four fan trucks and 12 utility trucks. There are approximately ten watchtowers around the installation.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 4283-III, 2d ed, Sep 60.

26. LAS VILLAS PROVINCE, NEAR SANTA CLARA, CUBAN MILITARY INSTALLATION

DATE OF INFO:

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] reveals no evidence of a military camp at UTM coordinates 167775.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 4283-III, 2d ed, Sep 60.

27. CAMAGUEY PROVINCE, NEAR CAMAGUEY, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

DATE OF INFO:

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] reveals construction work taking place at four locations at Camaguey International Airfield: UTM coordinates 046716, 053718, 055717, and 031708. These do not appear to be underground ramps, but are earth-mounded revetments, two with

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roofs and two without. No MIG aircraft have been observed on the airfield [REDACTED]. There is one six-gun AAA site on the base. No tanks have been observed on the base.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 4680-III, 2d ed, Mar 62.

28. CAMAGUEY PROVINCE, NEAR MORON, SOVIET NAVAL BASES

DATE OF INFO: [REDACTED]

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [REDACTED] reveals no evidence of a naval base in Moron or on the nearby keys.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 4482-II, 1st ed, Mar 62.

29. CAMAGUEY PROVINCE, ISLA DE TURIGUANO, CONSTRUCTION OF CATTLE EXHIBITION FACILITY.

DATE OF INFO: [REDACTED]

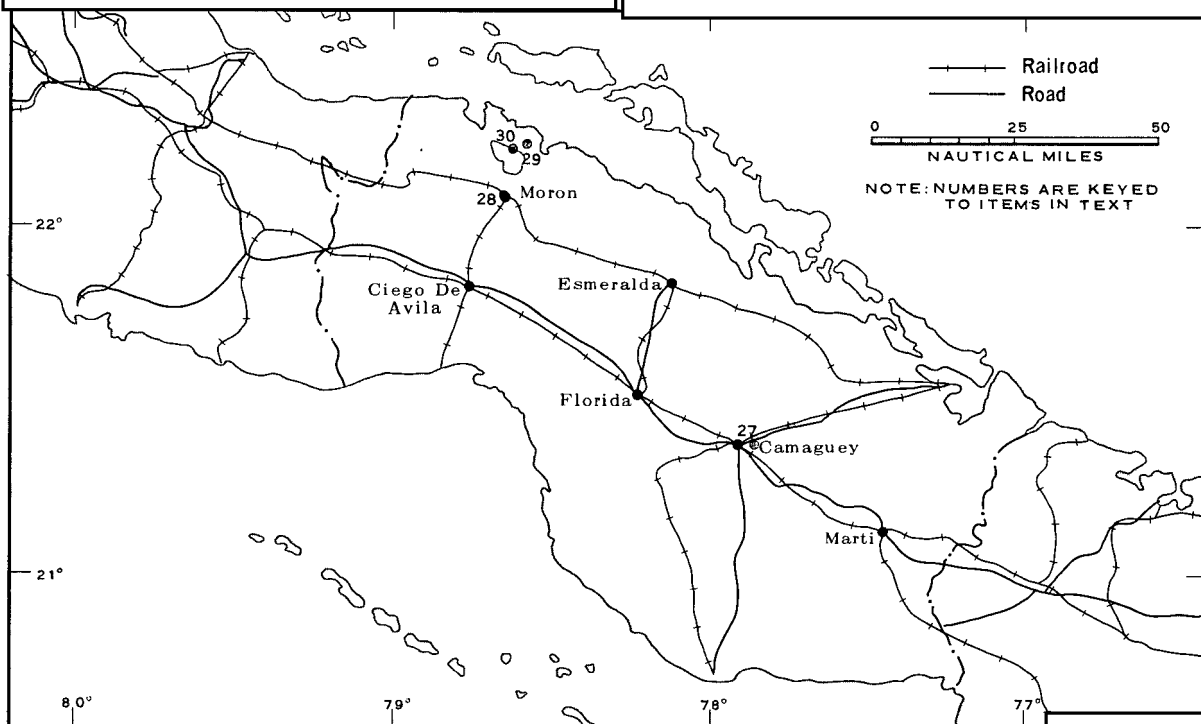


FIGURE 5. LOCATOR MAP FOR CAMAGUEY PROVINCE.

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squares 45-62 and 46-62. Seventeen of the buildings are completed, five are in late stages of construction and five in earlier stages of construction. There are numerous smaller buildings associated with the installation which appears to be agricultural in nature.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 4482-I, 1st ed, Aug 60.

31. ORIENTE, PROVINCE, NEAR EL CRISTO, MILITARY CAMP

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] reveals no evidence of any building located at UTM coordinates 499655.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 4482-I, 1st ed, Aug 60.

30. CAMAGUEY PROVINCE, ISLA DE TURIGUANO, CONSTRUCTION OF PIG PENS

DATE OF INFO: []

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] confirms the existence of a known military camp (El Cristo) []

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 5076-III, 2d ed, Apr 62.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] confirms the existence of a collection of buildings [] located in UTM grid []

32. ORIENTE PROVINCE, NEAR EL CRISTO, MILITARY ENCAMPMENT

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DATE OF INFO:

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 5076-III, 2d ed,
Apr 62.

33. ORIENTE PROVINCE, PALMA SORIANO,
TRAINING BASE

DATE OF INFO:

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] reveals
no evidence of an encampment at UTM coordi-
nates 176270. []

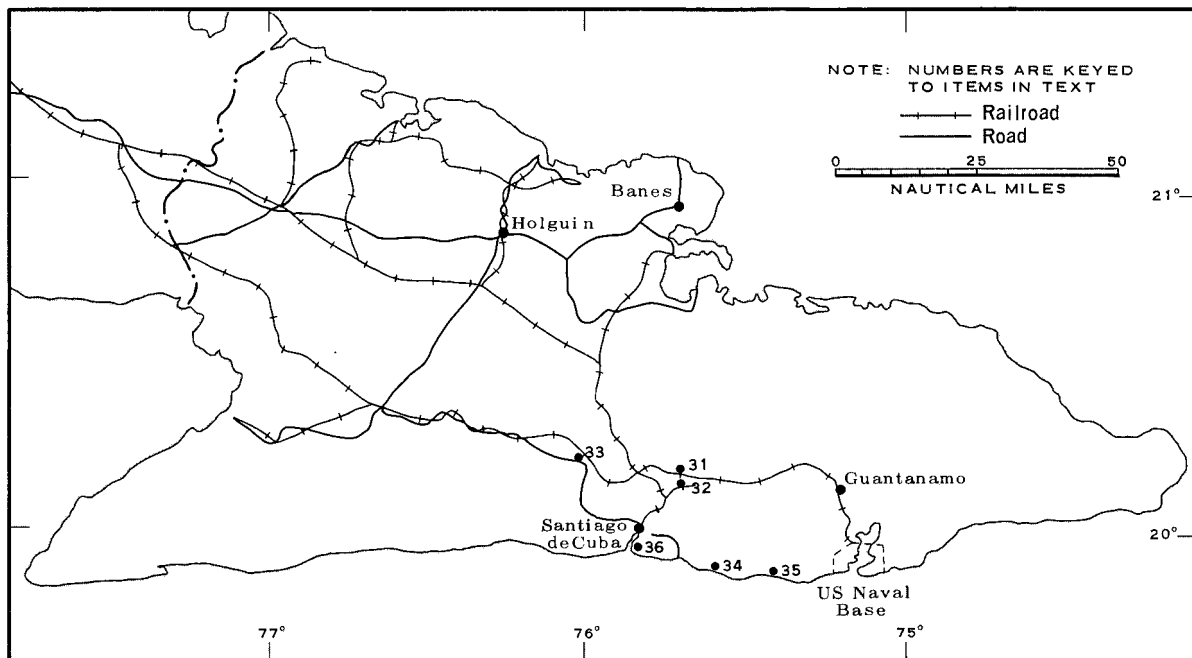


FIGURE 6. LOCATOR MAP FOR ORIENTE PROVINCE.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [redacted] reveals the existence of a probable training base at UTM coordinates 953365. The base covers a square area approximately 500 by 300 meters and is enclosed by a security fence and a trench along the southeast perimeter. Within the secured area are two administrative buildings, two barracks and eight support buildings. Also within the enclosed area is an athletic field, a possible obstacle course, a possible small arms firing range and trenching. Three cargo trucks were observed.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 4976-I, 1st ed, Jan 61.

34. ORIENTE PROVINCE, NEAR SIBONEY, BEACH, MILITARY ACTIVITY



DATE OF INFO: [redacted]

SOURCE STATEMENT:

"An unknown number of unidentified heavy and light artillery is emplaced on hills east of Siboney Beach (19-57N 075-42W). On west end of beach, about 200 yards west of last house, there is an unknown number of caves...Cement tunnel was built under road coming from sea at south, and north toward caves. Ventilation pipes can be seen protruding from ground in this area. All traffic on above road has been forbidden...

Military trucks with canvas-covered cargo have been sighted entering area. Great numbers of Militia patrol in both directions from Siboney to caves. Small Militia Camp is located under large trees on west end of Berraco Beach (19-54N 075-32W). Unknown numbers of unidentified artillery pieces and ZPU-4's are positioned on mountains located east of beach. Camp of about 150 Militiamen is located at Sigua Beach (19-50N 075-31W). Men are armed with FAL rifles and Czech rifles and sub-machineguns. Unknown number of unidentified tanks are frequently seen at this location."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [redacted] reveals no evidence of military activity east of Siboney Beach (19-57N 075-42W), at the west end of Berraco Beach (19-54N 075-32W), or at Sigua Beach (19-50N 075-31W).

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 5075-I, 2d ed, Jan 61.

35. ORIENTE PROVINCE, NEAR MORILLO CHICO, MILITIA ENCAMPMENTS



DATE OF INFO: [redacted]

SOURCE STATEMENT:

"Militia Camp is located at Bacondo (19-53N 075-27W). Strength averages about 200 men. About 20 unidentified trucks are stationed at this location. Personnel from this camp patrol Playa Larga also known as Playa de Este, (19-53N 075-25W). Militia Camp consisting of about 20 men is located at Playa Borrachos (19-52N 075-23W)."

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PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] reveals
no evidence of military activity at 19-53N
075-27W or 19-53N 075-25W []

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 5175-IV, 4th ed,
May 63.

36. ORIENTE PROVINCE, PUERTO DE BAITI-
QUIRI, MILITIA TRAINING CAMP
[]

DATE OF INFO: []

SOURCE STATEMENT:

"Puerto de Baitiquiri (20-01N 074-51W)
is site of Militia training camp. Strength at
this camp averages about 300 men."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated [] reveals
no evidence of military activity at 20-01N
074-51W.

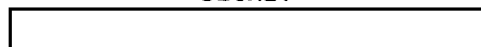
MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 5276-III, 4th ed,
Jul 63.

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